

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
Minutes of Public Meeting Held on
April 1, 2020
Remote Meeting via Dial In Telephone Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
Public Session Telephone: 631-606-6621
Participation Code: 433627#

Meeting: *Board Members Present:* Chair, Eric A. Kopp; Vice Chair, Linda Spahr; Dennis O'Doherty; Anthony Parlatore; and David Bekofsky. *Board Staff Present:* Executive Director, Samantha L. Segal, Esq.; Board Secretary, taking minutes, Darlene Mohlmann; and Board Investigator, Phyllis Gagliardi. *Board Independent Counsel Present:* Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Eric A. Kopp. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Dennis O'Doherty, seconded by David Bekofsky, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Anthony Parlatore, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty to adopt the minutes of the March 4, 2020 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Public Session: A motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Linda Spahr to extend the Financial Disclosure Statement filing deadline to one month after the tax deadline, August 15, 2020. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, reported and/or discussed the following:

- Due to COVID-19 the Board's office was relocated to 395 Oser Avenue, Hauppauge, to make space for Health Department's expansion for COVID-19 management. Eric A. Kopp spoke with Chief Deputy County Executive Cohen to confirm that the move does not satisfy the Board's Space Committee request and is temporary;
 - The Board's mailing address and telephone/fax numbers remain the same;
- DoIT has begun working on the e-filing Financial Disclosure Statement secure PDF form for remote filing.

A motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Anthony Parlatore to adjourn the meeting at the completion of Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Executive Session: At 9:36 a.m. a motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to Counsel Updates and three Advisory Opinion requests in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Eric A. Kopp closed Executive Session. At the advice of Counsel, the following Executive Session votes were read into the record:

During Executive Session: A motion was made to:

- Approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2020-2. Approved (5-0-0);
- Approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2020-3. Approved (5-0-0);
- Approve standing of Advisory Opinion Request No. AO-2020-4. Approved (5-0-0);
- Approve issuance of Advisory Opinion No. AO-2020-3. Approved (5-0-0);
- Approve issuance of Advisory Opinion No. AO-2020-4. Approved (5-0-0);

New Business: For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will be meeting on an as needed basis at the Board Chair's determination and notice of any changes to the Board Meeting schedule will be properly made.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Eric A. Kopp, seconded by Anthony Parlatore to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).